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See a story in RedEye that you want to talk about? Or just vent on whatever's on your mind in general? Text us! Text "**talk**" and your comment to **87708.** Don't forget your name and 'hood because we might print your comment right here.

In response to "Do ask, and please do tell" by Jason Steele, June 4 edition:

From: Julia, Norwood Park
"I definitely would like to be told when something embarrassing is going on to me. Last week I rode the train and maybe even the bus with my blouse open when my button undid and I was exposing myself and NOT ONE SINGLE person said anything."

From: Mike, Lakeview
"I would not mind a stranger telling me about my failed social appearance, as long as they do it quietly."

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John Young prepares his 16mm film projector inside Fort Mifflin, a favorite haunt of paranormal investigators, in Philadelphia. AP

The new movie night

Guerrilla drive-ins turn nostalgia on its head

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA Think the only way to see a big-screen movie is while slurping a 64-oz. soft drink, eating a $5 candy bar and shushing the wannabe film critic behind you?

That's not the case anymore, thanks to people like John Young, creator of the West Chester Guerilla Drive-In and part of a loosely knit network of celluloid renegades resurrecting the drive-in for a new age.

"Nowadays, you push a button and a movie appears," he said. "There's fun in the inconvenience of having to get off the couch and go somewhere you might not be familiar with, maybe getting rained on, maybe being cold. It makes it an adventure."

For the past four years or so, the 38-year-old Web developer has been showing films—real 16mm film—from a 1970s school projector mounted on the sidecar of his 1977 BMW motorcycle.

He has presented more than a dozen movies at locations suited for the theme: "Meatballs" at a canoe rental center, "Caddyshack" on a golf course, and most recently, "Ghostbusters" at Fort Mifflin, a favorite haunt of paranormal investigators.

It's not exactly an evening at the local multiplex—and that's the point.

"What a great idea. What a great way to see a movie," said Jim Haighey, of West Chester, one of more than 60 people watching "Ghostbusters" projected in front of the fort's 211-year-old Citadel. Eager movie-goers had to first find a hidden AM receiver in West Chester transmitting a secret code before being e-mailed the location of the movie.

Whatever the arrangement, guerrilla drive-ins give new meaning to the phrase "community theater." People can get up, walk around and socialize during the show if they wish, with some MobMovs taking on the feel of tailgate parties.

And though they're decidedly DIY-style, all aspiring MobMovers are urged to keep it legal and secure required approvals from property owners and film distributors, who charge roughly $150 to $300 for a showing. Guerrilla drive-ins are typically free, with attendees' donations used to offset the expenses.

WHAT IS THIS?

Guerrilla drive-ins or "MobMovs"—shorthand for mobile movies—are popping up around the country in a variety of configurations. Unlike John Young's old-school use of real film, guerrilla drive-ins typically eschew the analog in favor of DVDs and LCD projectors. And while West Chester's guerrillas bring lawn chairs to watch their movies under the stars (weather permitting), other groups maintain the drive-in tradition of watching from inside their cars. Audio is heard through each car's radio by way of an FM transmitter.

COUNT ON IT

A quick look at some of the biggest talkers of the day, numerically speaking.
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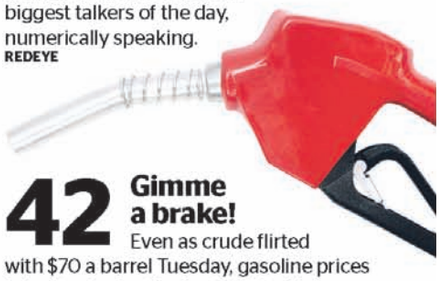

42 **Gimme a brake!**
Even as crude flirted with $70 a barrel Tuesday, gasoline prices failed to rise for the first time in 42 days, signaling a possible break for motorists as the summer-driving season shifts into high gear.

1 **First from Gitmo**
Authorities have brought the first Guantanamo Bay detainee to the U.S., flying him into New York to face trial for bombing U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, the Justice Department said Tuesday.

78 **Pioneer dies**
Norman Brinker, the restaurant mogul who developed the salad bar and built a worldwide causal dining empire that includes Chili's, has died at age 78 in a Colorado hospital. Brinker also developed the concept for Steak & Ale and the Bennigan's chain.

24 **Acid attack**
An unidentified assailant hurled acid in a busy Hong Kong shopping district, injuring 24 pedestrians, police said Tuesday. AP PHOTO

91.1 **Now boarding**
Flights on U.S. airlines were on time more frequently in April than in March and improved from a year earlier, according to data released Tuesday by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Hawaiian Airlines had the best on-time performance, which scored 91.1 for its on-time arrival percentage.

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ALL MARKLEY, ALL THE TIME

Love him? Hate him? Give Stephen Markley a piece of your mind at his new ChicagoNow blog, Off the Markley **(tr.im/offthemarkley).**

Oh, to be 18 again ... and again and again

A couple weeks ago my old college roommates and I met in San Francisco for a little reunion vacation. While there, one of the wiser of them pointed out that whenever we get together, we immediately regress to the age and situation where we all met, which would be as 18 years old in a college dormitory.

Do you have a group of friends that no matter what happens, no matter how much you've accomplished in life, when you're around each other, you all act like a bunch of blathering, juvenile 18-year-old morons obsessed with the most unseemly aspects of the human anatomy?

This group includes a guy who's married, two in law school, a government physicist, a soon-to-be teacher, an urban planner, and me—an at-least-feeding-himself Chicago writer.

And yet our recent time together was pretty much ripped directly from the days when we threw cups of cold water on one another in the showers and tried to storm into rooms to catch our peers looking at wildly inappropriate Internet material.

We discussed sex, bodily functions, sex, basketball and sex. I can't even give you an example of a conversation about the basketball portion because most of the main points are not printable in Hustler, let alone RedEye.

At one point, I laughed so hard I got a nosebleed. Imagine a conversation so inane, so unbridled, so hilarious that it causes a nosebleed (which gave us yet another bodily function to discuss with a thoroughness usually reserved for NASA engineers discussing re-entry models).

In our circle, immaturity is simply a badge of honor.

One morning we woke up in the married guy's cramped apartment, all of us rising from half-deflated air mattresses and camping pads to a breakfast of cold pizza and cookies.

I looked at the physicist, who will probably one day design the nuclear infrastructure that will run this country and thought, "If only 8-year-old Steve Markley could see this."

That young boy would be positively awestruck if he knew that age 25 would bring with it everything he ever dreamed of: staying up all night discussing boobs with his friends while eating pizza, cookies and buffalo wings. Plus I'd explain to him how caffeine would help him do all of it longer while heavy quantities of beer would make it more awesomer.

My old friends and I kept asking each other, will there come a time in our lives when this is no longer fun?

Will one of us one day say, "Hey, that's way too much information about that particular bodily function. I'll thank you, sir, to keep that kind of deviant talk away from my wife and child."

For the sake of our friendship, I hope not, because, otherwise, these guys are complete idiots. **STEPHEN MARKLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

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DEATH OF THE DREAM WEDDING

$150,000 AFFAIRS? MEH. HOW SOME ARE SAVING THEMSELVES FOR MARRIAGE

Amy Morse of Lincoln Park says she's making sacrifices for her wedding so she and fiance Jon D'Souza can save for their life together. BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNSKI FOR REDEYE

By Alice Truong
REDEYE

Wedding dress. Budget. Venues. Budget. Invitations. Budget. Flowers. Budget.

That's what's floating around in Amy Morse's mind these days, nine months into her engagement. Though she's trying to be practical, Morse, 24, says there's still a little part of her that wishes she could have the lavish wedding she dreamed of as a little girl.

Though Morse's $35,000 budget is still higher than the average Chicago wedding, the Lincoln Park resident says she feels like she's making some sacrifices so that she and her fiance, Jon D'Souza, 24, can save for their life together.

"I wanted to have the nice dress," Morse said. "I wanted it to be an affair. ... Sure, if I had all the money in the world, I'd love to spend all my money there."

So long, ice sculptures, platinum parting gifts and stretch Hummers. Hello, DIY bouquets, consignment dresses and iPod DJs.

In the current recession, more and more couples such as Morse and D'Souza are ditching their dreams, slashing budgets and scaling back plans. The expected cost of a Chicago wedding is down 6.5 percent to $22,642 for 2009, according to The Wedding Report, a Tucson, Ariz.-based wedding research company. According to a survey in January by wedding retailer David's Bridal, 75 percent of brides-to-be said they are shaving their wedding budgets, with a quarter cutting their budgets in half.

Weddings big and small seem to be on a downward trend. Last year, the number of Chicago weddings performed by Cook County Circuit Court judges dipped to 10,510 from 11,434 in 2005.

Robyn Bruns, owner of locally based Red Letter Event Planning, noted that a growing number of her clients are postponing their nuptials. "They're kind of saving up for 2010, essentially," she said.

But for some lucky couples, a contest entry could be the ticket to making the dream wedding a reality. Us Weekly and **weddingchannel.com** are holding their second annual Dream Wedding contest, receiving thousands of submissions from couples across the country.

"**Weddingchannel.com** hopes to provide the winning couple with what their version of a dream wedding is," said Charli Penn, **weddingchannel.com**'s managing editor. "Whatever it is, we hope to make their vision of a dream wedding come true."

Usmagazine.com began taking votes Friday for the favorite of 10 final couples, each with their own compelling stories. The bride of last year's winning couple, a cancer survivor, was told she had a year to live.

For the bride and groom, their $100,000 dream wedding was what they called a "celebration of life" with 150 guests at a Hollywood, Fla., beach resort. The same vendors who have worked with Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes as well as Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore also were behind making this dream wedding come true.

Yet for the many who haven't won dream-wedding contests, creativity goes a long way toward saving money.

As a cost-cutting measure, Lisa Stecher and Eric Brislane, of Harwood Heights, decided to get hitched in Savannah, Ga., where they once vacationed and jokingly talked about getting married.

Do the math

So how much can going DIY really save you? RedEye found examples of what couples are doing to cut costs compared with the 2008 national average cost, according to **theknot.com.** ALICE TRUONG, THEKNOT.COM, AP, HARTFORD COURANT CONTRIBUTED.

WEDDING CAKE

Average:
$555

DIY:
$100

Rent a dummy cake (made of plastic and not meant for eating) to show off at the reception, and feed your guests much-cheaper sheet cake (price not included). Prices start at $100 for these cakes at **ultimatefakecakes.com**. Cupcake tiers, cookie buffets and even Krispy Kreme towers also are popular and less expensive alternatives, according to online wedding blogs.

INVITATIONS

Average:
$538

DIY:
$200

Angeles Liu, 33, of Uptown, had her eye on customized wedding invitations. But with a sticker price of $2,000, she decided to make her own invitations utilizing her calligraphy skills. The project cost $200, which she spent on postage and stationery from a paper wholesaler. "If you could do it yourself, you could save yourself a lot of money," she said. "It's just a pain in the rear end to do it."

PHOTOGRAPHER

Average:
$2,655

DIY:
$85

An enterprising AP reporter wrote about cutting down photography costs by signing up for a pro **flickr.com** account at $24.95 and asking guests, many of whom would bring cameras anyway, to upload the pictures they took. They later used **blurb.com** to design a personalized album, which start at $59.95.

CENTERPIECES

Average:
$1,924

DIY:
$370

Liu created custom-made centerpieces for her recent reception. She bought candles and vases from Linens-N-Things when the store held its going-out-of-business sales and rose petals in bulk online.

BAND

Average:
$3,633

DIY:
$0

Forget the band: Because Mark Thame, 37, of Bronzeville, has his own sound equipment, he plans on using his iPod to be his DJ at his June wedding.

PLANNER

Average:
$1,907

DIY:
$0

Though Beth Dalton's service as a wedding planner reduces stress for the happy couples she works for, she says "planning weddings [on your own] is a good way to cut back and pinch pennies."

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With money as a key factor in their wedding plans, the couple looked for alternatives to big, expensive affairs, Stecher said.

Destination weddings are growing in popularity because couples assume fewer guests will make the trip, said Beth Dalton, a South Loop wedding planner who organizes ceremonies in Chicago and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. According to **theknot.com**, one in five couples planned an out-of-town wedding in 2008.

"Not only does it cut back on the number of people who attend, but Chicago is a very expensive city," Dalton said. "Whether it's location, fees, food and beverage prices—with destination weddings, you tend to get the better [deal]."

According to a 2008 survey by **theknot.com**, Chicago is one of the 10 most expensive cities in which to wed.

For Stecher, 33, and Brislane, 39, an out-of-town wedding means a small ceremony with 40 guests. Even after factoring in travel expenses for themselves and six days of accommodations for their guests (which the couple is covering), the tab came to about $8,000—a fifth of what a Chicago wedding with about 200 guests would've cost them, Stecher said. Even eight years later, Stecher says she still remembers how stressed out her sister was at her wedding, where Stecher served as maid of honor.

"I saw the stress and headaches and all the money they were pulling out of their 401(k)s," Stecher said. "I knew the happiest day of my life didn't need to be that stressful."

Kate McVey, 30, says she doesn't understand why her friends make such a big deal about the dream wedding.

"I have girlfriends who have envisioned their weddings since they were 2," she said. "I had a girlfriend who freaked out about chair covers. But are chair covers going to make your marriage work?"

Even though McVey, a Bronzeville resident, hopes to squeeze her wedding next year into a $12,000 budget, she said the dream is alive and well.

"This is my dream wedding because of who I'm marrying, not how much I spend," she said.

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Pricey vows

Tying the knot at a Chicago landmark can cost you a pretty penny. Many prices depend on the day, specific venue and number of guests, but here's a rough range of how much it costs to get married at some notable attractions, according to RedEye research. ALICE TRUONG, REDEYE

Navy Pier
$15,000 to $30,000

Lincoln Park Zoo
$2,500 to $29,000

Fourth Presbyterian Church
$875 to $3,500

Holy Name Cathedral
About $1,500

Adler Planetarium
$3,750 to $9,450

Shedd Aquarium
$17,500+

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A very special graduation

Boy, 5, completes kindergarten a year after being shot, paralyzed

Chicago Tribune

In his white tuxedo and gold graduation cap, 5-year-old Martrell Stevens was determined Tuesday to walk across the stage alone. On this day, his kindergarten graduation, a teacher's support in getting from his wheelchair to a walker was all the help he would accept.

As he stood on the stage of Jane A. Neil Elementary School on the South Side, a huge smile spread across his face as he hammed and posed and the crowd cheered.

It was this determination that marked Martrell's year-long journey of recovery. He was shot last year in his lung, leaving him with bullet fragments around his spine and paralyzing both legs—another unintended victim of a gunman's wrath.

In the aftermath, he was like a baby, needing to relearn tasks such as tying his shoes, his mother, LaKeesha Rucker said. The rehab was painful and frustrating, but once Martrell understood that his caregivers were there to help, he got with the program.

"He doesn't want you to help him out with nothing. Martrell is very independent. He wants to do everything on his own," Rucker said.

"He's been practicing walking for several months ... since April."

Rucker remembers the first time she saw him walk at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

"I cried like a baby. He walked from one end of the hallway to the next end of the hallway," she said.

Martrell Stevens, 5, pushes his walker forward Tuesday to receive his diploma at his kindergarten graduation ceremony at Jane A. Neil Elementary School in Chicago. Martrell was shot on May 23, 2008, while he was sleeping in his mother's car. ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE

Tears rolled down Rucker's face again as Martrell slowly inched across the stage in a wheeled walker with a smile across his face.

Martrell was shot on May 23, 2008 in the 6400 block of South Bishop Street. He was asleep in the front passenger seat of Rucker's car. Rucker was putting her two other young children in her truck with the help of a 10-year-old nephew, after the family made arrangements for her daughter's, Kamisha, 1-year-old birthday party at her mother's home.

Rucker heard a gunman yelling across the street at her brother-in-law, Marcus Easton, about whether he sold marijuana. The gunman charged halfway across the street and started shooting at Easton.

When he heard Rucker scream inside her truck with the children, he opened fire on her. She told her nephew to jump in the car and sped off down the street to her sister's house with one car door still open. Rucker saw that none of the children had been harmed, except for Martrell. Blood was coming out of his mouth.

"He was [asleep] at the time. He didn't even know he was shot," Rucker said.

Police News Affairs Officer Michael Fitzpatrick said no charges have been filed and Rucker said witnesses have not cooperated with police about identifying the gunman.

"If you went through something like this, you would want someone to tell, to get the guy, for justice to be served, because if we continue letting this happen—no cooperation, of you being scared to talk—then we're going to continue burying our kids," she said.

But on Tuesday, Martrell had a lot to look forward to including playing football, basketball, baseball and soccer. His most immediate goal, besides learning to walk again, he said, was: "To be smart in the 1st grade."

"He doesn't want you to help him out with nothing. Martrell is very independent. He wants to do everything on his own."

— **LaKeesha Rucker,** mother of Martrell Stevens

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CPS officials announce shake-up

New Chicago Public Schools CEO Ron Huberman on Tuesday unveiled a new top-level team, the first step in a districtwide reorganization that's expected to soon be accompanied by layoffs in the central office.

Up to 1,000 jobs are expected to be cut from district headquarters in the coming weeks, a source said. The district is hoping to save $100 million from the cuts and reorganization.

The 16 new administrators announced Tuesday will be charged with assessing the district's myriad departments and coming up with ways to streamline.

The shake-up is styled as the start of a larger reorganization planned for the coming months. Huberman is expected to trim staff and programs in an effort to bridge a massive budget hole at the nation's third-largest school district.

The new members of the team are heavy on business background, many with management and consulting experience as well as MBAs. Many began serving in their new roles weeks ago. Four of those selected served at the Chicago Transit Authority when Huberman led that agency.

Only two positions are new: chief performance officer and deputy for performance management technology. New performance chief Sarah Kremsner was brought over from the CTA.

Some of the jobs will require approval from the Board of Education, such as Michael Shields, a former deputy superintendent at the Chicago Police Department, who replaced Andres Durbak as the district's safety and security officer. Shields is the cousin of First Lady Michelle Obama.

Other jobs will only be interim positions, according to district spokeswoman Monique Bond.

Daley nephew quits firm

Mayor Daley's nephew Robert Vanecko has quit a real estate firm he started whose city pension business is now under federal investigation. The company, DV Urban Realty, announced Vanecko's resignation Tuesday, less than two weeks after federal prosecutors sent subpoenas to city employee pension funds that invested in DV Urban.

Fast thinking saves fast food

An employee foiled an attempt to steal a meal Monday from the drive-thru at a Wendy's in Buffalo Grove, police said Tuesday. As a clerk was handing an order to the driver of a van, a person appeared from the shadows and attempted to grab the order, police said, but the clerk held on to the bag. The person ran away, and the van took off simultaneously, police said. "We're assuming there's some orchestration," Cmdr. Steve Husak said.

Former Bear gets probation

Former Chicago Bear Roland Harper was sentenced to a year of house arrest Tuesday for acting as a front man in a $1.5 million fraud involving a landscaping contract for Chicago public schools. A judge also required the 56-year-old former fullback to perform 200 hours of community service and pay $25,000 in restitution and forfeit $50,000. Harper, who was in the same backfield with Walter Payton, pleaded guilty last year to mail fraud.

Will the real Rod please stand up?

Audiences at The Second City's satirical revue "Rod Blagojevich Superstar" on Saturday night are in for a treat: The real Rod Blagojevich is expected to make an appearance. According to the show's producer Kelly Leonard, the indicted and impeached former Illinois governor has been contracted to show up during the show to help announce the extension of the satirical spoof through Aug. 9 (and possibly beyond). Blagojevich also will take part in the improv set that follows the show.

Hey, nice grass!

It's been a bruising few months for Illinois pride. Sure, our junior senator was elected president, but our governor was arrested, sacked and indicted and his wife ate bugs on reality TV. The state's hallowed public university is stinging from revelations it's admitting subpar students with clout, and our legislators—try as they may—can't quite get their minds around reform.

Take heart, Illinoisans. It's time to bask in state pride again: highway pride.

It comes from knowing that, while the peak summer driving season rolls toward us, our highways probably won't be as shaggy as those in Virginia, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. Those states have cut back their shoulder mowing to reduce costs this year.

Not Illinois. We'll be improving our highway hygiene.

"Since the fuel prices have stabilized this summer and the past winter was not quite as severe, our 2009 mowing program will allow two mowing cycles," came the jubilant news from Paris Ervin, Illinois Department of Transportation spokeswoman.

Last year, hit by high fuel prices and forced to spend more than double what was estimated on snow and ice clearing, IDOT performed only one mowing cycle, Ervin reported. Department mowing policy allows for a maximum of three mowing cycles. So, high-five for us!

The old U.S. Post Office
PHIL VELASQUEZ/ TRIBUNE

$300,000, going once ... going twice

The U.S. Postal Service announced Tuesday that, after more than a decade of trying to sell the 3-million-square-foot former Chicago facility that spans the Eisenhower Expressway through conventional channels, it has decided to auction it to the highest bidder.

While the suggested opening bid is $300,000, there is no minimum bid, and the facility could go for less, said Postal Service spokesman Mark Reynolds.

Two years ago, the city gave initial approval to a $300 million plan from investment firm Walton Street Capital to develop the complex into condos, offices and a hotel. However, the Postal Service was unable to finalize a deal, Reynolds said.

Going forward, any buyer's plans will have to contend with a difficult commercial lending environment. "We're not in the real estate business," Reynolds said. "We're not the persons to say what the obstacles to developing it might be. Obviously there's a lot of unique logistics, not to mention a freeway running through it."

Twitter auction

The auction for the 14-story, 77-year-old building that has been vacant since 1995 when the Postal Service moved to a new building on Harrison Street will take place Aug. 27. Many ideas have been suggested for the space, including a casino, a water park and a hotel. That's fine, but we figured RedEye's Twitter followers would have some more creative ideas. Place your bid with RedEye on Twitter at **twitter.com/redeyechicago**.

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@whatisph I would open the Chicago branch of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

@MrBrownThumb Affordable housing or a stripper bar.

@1uppitynegress I'd open a rec/community center that housed spaces for independent artists to work and showcase their art, also performances

@kristingast Sounds like a great place for some spendy Chi-town lofts!

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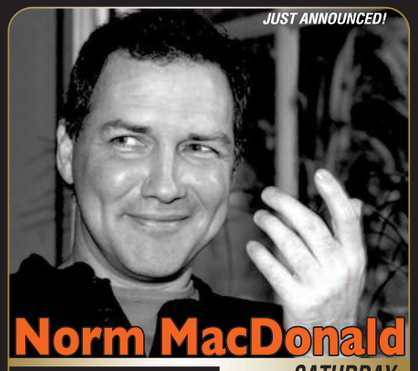

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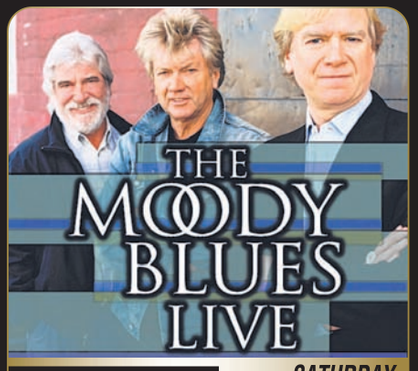

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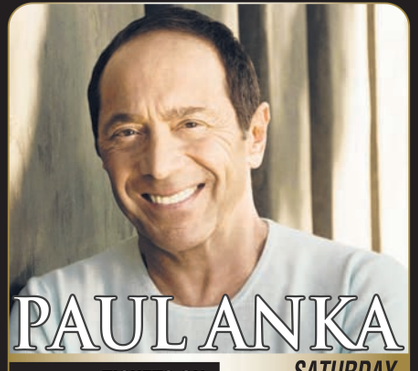

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Bird warnings don't work

1 Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, the pilot of the US Airways plane that ditched into the Hudson River after colliding with a flock of Canada geese, told safety officials Tuesday in Washington that warnings from air traffic controllers to pilots of birds in the vicinity of airports have little value.

Abortion clinic closing

2 The family of slain abortion provider George Tiller said Tuesday that his Wichita, Kan., clinic will be "permanently closed," effective immediately.

Huge hotel blast

3 Suicide attackers in a truck launched an assault Tuesday on a luxury hotel in Peshawar, Pakistan, firing guns as they stormed past guards and then setting off a huge blast that killed at least five people and wounded 65 more, officials said.

Slim Jim explosion

4 An explosion at a Slim Jim meat products plant Tuesday in Garner, N.C., injured at least 41 people, including four who suffered critical burns, and left a toxic cloud around the facility as police searched for three people still missing.

Militant freed

5 The U.S. military has released a Shiite militant accused of being involved in one of the most brazen attacks of the war that killed five American soldiers in 2007, the Iraqi government said Tuesday in Baghdad.

Crash aftermath

Several airlines flying the type of plane involved in the Air France crash said Tuesday they use a different brand of airspeed sensor than those aboard the doomed flight, distancing themselves from instruments seen as a possible factor in last week's accident.

Sotomayor's confirmation hearings to begin July 13

6 **WASHINGTON** Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy announced Tuesday that confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor will convene on July 13, earlier than Republicans wanted.

Leahy said the date presents a "reasonable schedule" that would give members of the committee several more weeks to prepare.

President Obama has urged the Senate to vote on confirming Sotomayor to the high court before it leaves for a congressional recess in August. Republicans have pressed for more time to consider the nomination.

But Leahy (D-Vt.) said there was "no reason to unduly delay consideration of this well-qualified nominee. She deserves the opportunity to go before the public and speak of her record." He said that as a judge, she will be able to speak publicly about her record only when the hearings convene.

There was no immediate response from the GOP on Leahy's announcement, which came after several days of private haggling with Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the top Judiciary Republican, on a hearing date.

Leahy said he had informed Obama by telephone about his plans and that the president "seemed pleased with the date I set."

The schedule should allow for a vote on confirming Sotomayor before the August break, Leahy said, "unless people put unnecessary delays" on the nomination.

Speaking of breaks, she'll likely be limping through most of her confirmation process; Sotomayor broke her ankle Monday at a New York airport. She said she would be in the hard cast for three weeks and a lighter one for three weeks after that.

7 **LIPTOVSKY MIKULAS, Slovakia** Polish tourists play outdoor chess at water park Aquapark Tatralandia. Aquapark Tatralandia is the largest water fun area in Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Poland. GETTY IMAGES

But it's just $50!

8 **BRIDGEPORT, Conn.** A man in Connecticut says he's losing his home because he owes $50 in back taxes.

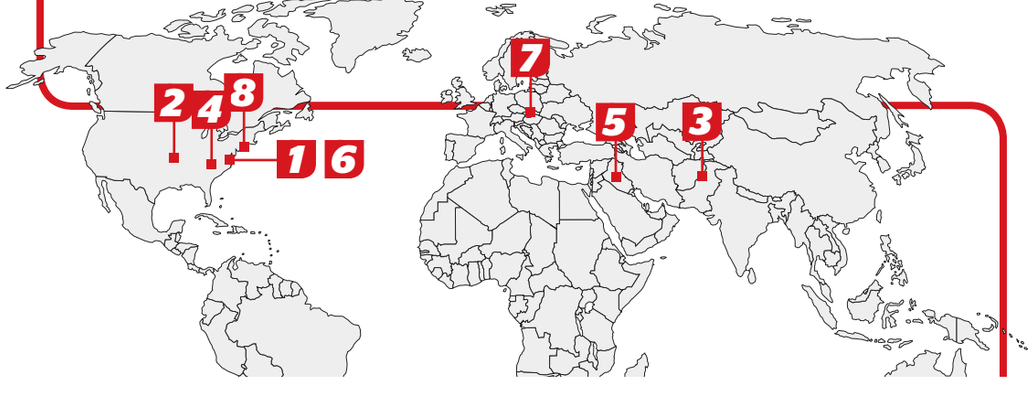
The city of Bridgeport is foreclosing on Jean Castro's home because of the unpaid taxes, which total $51.69. A judge last week approved the foreclosure and ordered the home to be sold in December.

Castro says the city sent him a notice that he owed back taxes and he forwarded it to his mortgage company.

The mortgage company ended up paying $3,000 in back taxes, leaving the small balance.

The city's lawyer says by the time he learned about the payment it was too late, because the foreclosure had started.

Castro says he came to the U.S. from Haiti and saved for years to buy the home.



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$68 billion

The Treasury Department will allow 10 of the nation's largest banks to repay $68 billion in government bailout money. The department on Tuesday said the banks have been approved to repay the money they received from the $700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program created by Congress last October at the height of the financial crisis.

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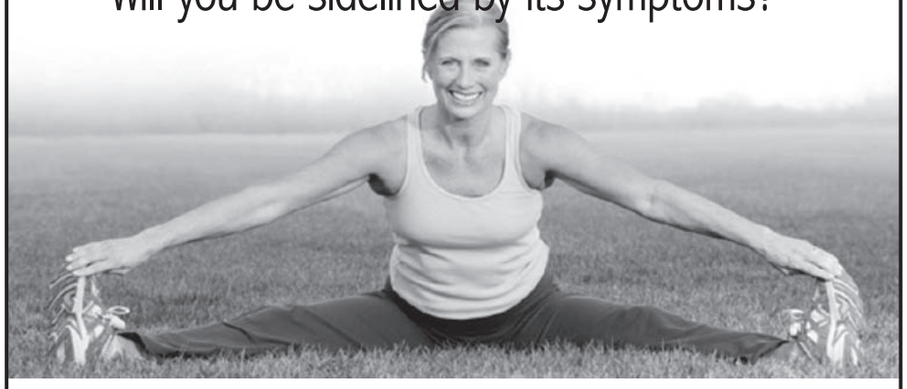

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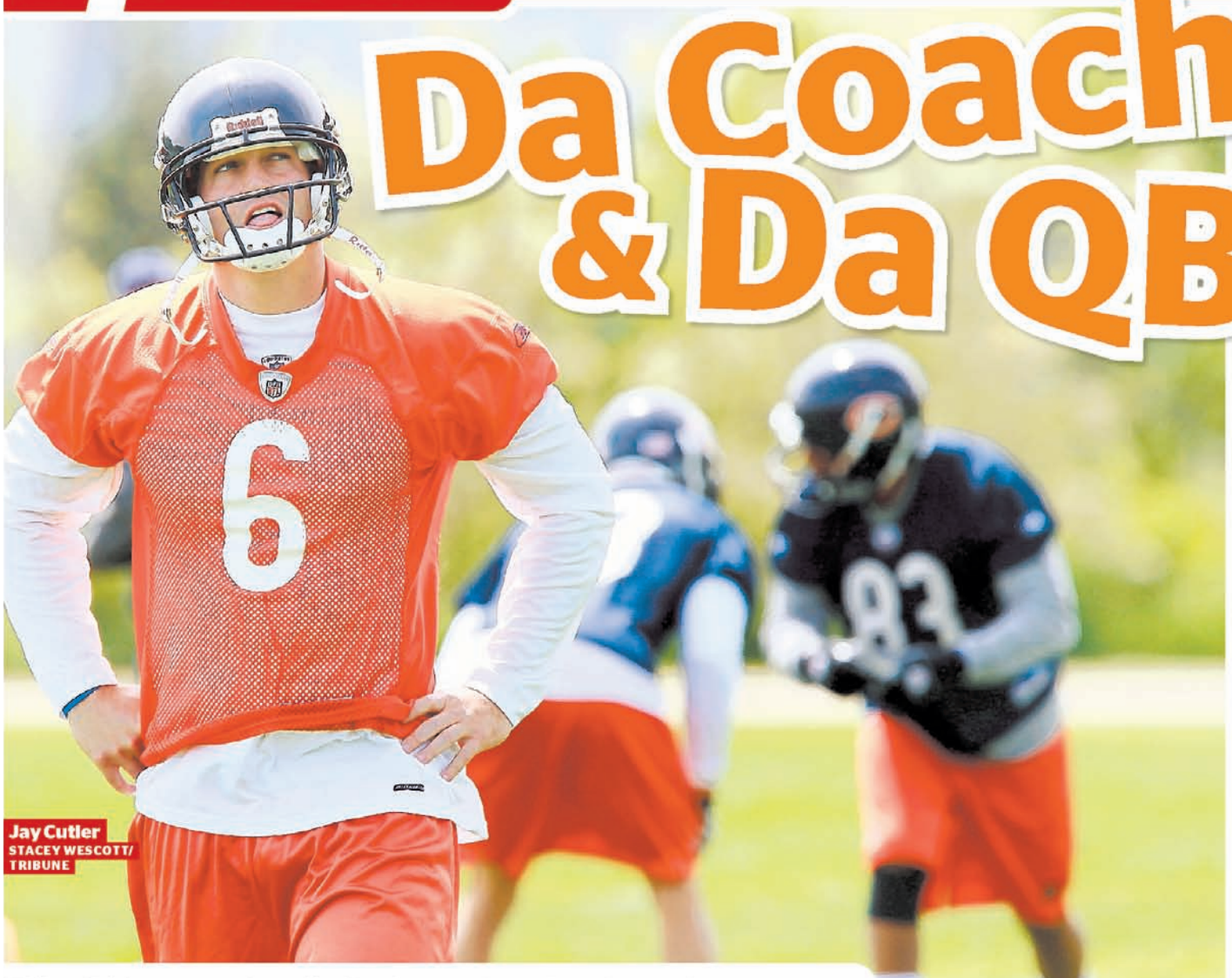

Jay Cutler
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Mike Ditka says Jay Cutler has talent but has a lot to prove

Chicago Tribune

Mike Ditka isn't completely sold on Jay Cutler—yet.

Like ex-Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy said last week, Ditka says the new Bears quarterback needs to prove himself as a team leader first.

"People ask me one question: Is he a good quarterback?" he said in a telephone interview. "Well, he's got a great arm. He had great receivers up in Denver, they had an offense that threw the football a lot, so it highlighted his strengths. If he's in an offense that doesn't highlight his strengths, what's his strength going to be? It's got to be leadership, like Tony said. And he's got to prove that."

If Cutler does prove it, Ditka will do something he spent his entire coaching career preaching against: He'll commit a turnover.

"If they win with Jay Cutler and go to the Super Bowl, he will own this city," he said. "He can have my key."

Ditka said he's confident the franchise won't morph into the pass-happy Broncos to suit Cutler.

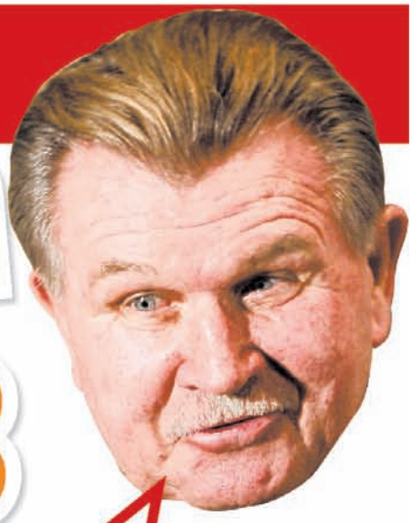
Will that test his patience? Ditka, for one, will be watching.

"The worst thing that you could ever do in this city is come in here and be a complainer or a whiner," Ditka said. "If you do that, you've got a problem. ...

"From what I understand from talking to the people I talk to, he's been a model citizen, and the city has really embraced him. He's been up there with the ballclub, working out and doing all the things he's supposed to do. Evidently, everything is full-go ahead and looks pretty positive."

Then again, it's hard to judge a marriage by the honeymoon.

"You'll find out a lot when the pressure's on," he said. "We'll find out once the season starts, when things are either going good or not so good, you find out how people respond to that."



Ditka on ...

Mike Ditka talked about more than just new Bears QB Jay Cutler. Here's what he had to say about other topics. TRIBUNE

THE BEARS DEFENSE

"They were trying to hide some weaknesses, and they didn't have good cover people. If you don't get there with the blitz, if you live by it, you die by it. That was part of their problem. ... If you don't have cover people, they're going to eat you up. Because if you're not good enough to put pressure on quarterbacks, they're going to have all day to throw."

BRETT FAVRE

"You think teams that played against Favre last year worried about who they were playing against? You think they'd worry about playing against Johnny Unitas or Dan Marino? You have a goal: What are you going to do on defense. If one man can beat you, you're not a very good football team."

MINNESOTA'S EXISTING QBS

"What's the message those folks up there are sending to their quarterbacks? 'You're not good enough. I'm going to bring in somebody that's better than you.' Come on. How should those guys respond to [Favre]? I'm not really sure I understand it, that's all. But then again, that's me. You build from within. Before you become a good football team, you've got to create a good spirit. I don't see that as being spirit-creating."

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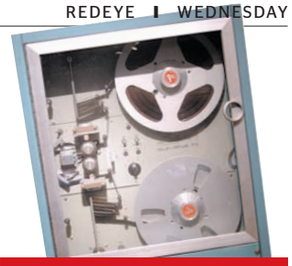

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1 What would you do to fire up the White Sox?	Bring back Crede, Rowand, Polite, Iguchi, Everett, Blum, Garland, etc. ...	Whenever the other team hits a home run, set off fireworks inside the White Sox dugout.	Seven words: Mike Ditka singing "Eye of the Tiger."	If Ozzie Guillen can't do it, I'm not sure anything else except threats at gunpoint would work.	I could set up a series of prank calls informing them they'll be sent to AAA unless they win.
2 Now that Freddy Garcia re-signed, who else should the White Sox bring back?	See No. 1.	Todd Ritchie, Dan Wright and a piece of lint.	They've got a fever, boys, and the only cure is more George Bell.	Good ol' Frank Thomas could probably hit better than half the current roster right now.	Commodore 64s. Very underrated processor.
3 What lead would you feel comfortable leaving for the Cubs bullpen?	Clearly it depends on what they did the night before.	One that's in double digits and comes with a money-back guarantee.	The 5,000-yard restraining order Miley Cyrus has on Jimmy.	If my name is Randy Wells, the answer is somewhere between 15 runs and infinity.	Hold on, crunching the numbers now. .... Looks like they'd need at least 13 runs just to tie.
4 How can Orlando come back and beat L.A.?	Dwight Howard needs to find his inner Superman.	No. More. N. B. A. Just stop it already.	They need to somehow disrupt Pau Gasol's pregame manicure.	Jeff Van Gundy should combine his powers with Stan to create some sort of Wonder Twin super coach.	Replace the Lakers' pregame warmup music with hypnotic suggestions to shoot underhanded.
5 What do you expect to hear from Brett Favre this week?	Hopefully some sniffling, a few tears and a retirement.	That his shoulder signed with the Minnesota Vikings.	"And that's why I've decided to re-un-re-unretire. For the time being."	What was the question again? I'm sorry, I just threw up a little after hearing the name Favre again.	I haven't decided what he'll say yet. I'm still uploading Kobe's scowl.

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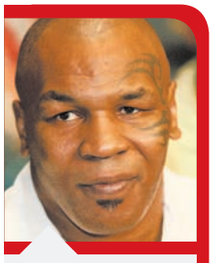

» Mike Tyson, 42, has married 32-year-old Lakiha Spicer in Las Vegas, two weeks after his 4-year-old daughter died in a tragic treadmill accident.

» Brett Favre's family and friends have booked 25 to 30 rooms at the Midway Motor Lodge near Lambeau Field for the weekend of the Nov. 1 Vikings game at Green Bay, according to the Green Bay Press-Gazette.

» USC men's basketball coach Tim Floyd reportedly has resigned, one month after being accused of paying someone to help steer former star O.J. Mayo to the school.

» Cubs 7, Houston 1 » Detroit 7, White Sox 6 » Sox place Bartolo Colon on 15-day DL.

NBA finals vs. Stanley Cup finals

Balls and pucks

NBA FINALS: GAME 3
Orlando 108, L.A. 104
Lakers lead series 2-1.

Sports fans had a dilemma Tuesday night: the NHL's Stanley Cup finals and the NBA finals went head-to-head on TV. Many probably tried to watch both, but that's not how we do it at RedEye. Time for a faceoff.

STANLEY CUP FINALS: GAME 6
Pittsburgh 2, Detroit 1
Series tied 3-3.

NBA: L.A. vs. Orlando

X

CITIES

L.A. alone outshines the gritty cities in the NHL.

NHL: Detroit vs. Pittsburgh

Kobe Bryant (left), Dwight "Superman" Howard

X

SUPER-STARS

Stars don't get much bigger than Kobe, but Crosby is close.

Chris Osgood, Sidney Crosby (right)

Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio, Rihanna (left)

CELEB FANS

Surprisingly stout hockey all-star lineup

X

Kristen Bell, Kid Rock (right), John C. McGinley

Kobe, Howard, Derek Fisher, Lamar Odom (left)

X

TWITT-ERERS

Time to get with it, NHL.

None, it seems, from Detroit or Pittsburgh

THE WINNER: NBA

We promise, the NBA didn't have the results of this faceoff fixed and there were no rogue refs involved.

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Jay Cutler, welcome to Chicago. It's official now. You're getting the Chicago treatment, with Da Coach Mike Ditka saying you aren't anything—yet. It seems like only yesterday everybody was ready to pronounce you king of the city. Heck, it was yesterday. Here now, my TV picks.

MLB
Cubs at Houston
7:05 p.m. WGN

The Astros are last in the NL but first in team names related to aeronautics.

MLB
White Sox vs. Detroit
7:11 p.m. CSN

OK, after three games in two days, I'm officially sick of the Tigers.

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'Master' minds

Get into the heads of 3 Chicago culinary stars as they prep for a fight on 'Top Chef Masters'

By Amelia Levin

Fans of Bravo's "Top Chef" expect big-name chefs to show up every week to critique the up-and-comers. But when "Top Chef Masters" premieres Wednesday, it's the big-name chefs who will find themselves—and their food—under scrutiny. Chicagoans Rick Bayless, Graham Elliot Bowles and Art Smith are among the 24 nationally recognized chefs competing for charity on the newest version of the reality cooking show.

The first six episodes of "Top Chef Masters" pit four chefs against one another, with the winner of each advancing to the final round, a four-week series that narrows the remaining field down to a single winner who takes home $100,000 for a chosen charity. Though our local chefs will be on the sidelines during the first episode, they're standing by armed (with fried chicken and killer yoga poses, among other things) and ready to fight.

Art Smith

Table Fifty-Two, 52 W. Elm St. 312-573-4000
Charity: Common Threads, which teaches children about cooking, cultures and nutrition

You're already well known for your efforts in the community. What more would you do for Common Threads if you win?
I would open another school program ... which would teach many children, and those children would teach other children. The aftereffects of the gift would turn the $100,000 into a million dollars in educational programming.

"Top Chef" contestants have a tradition of wearing T-shirts with eye-catching slogans on them. If you wore a custom T, what would it say?
HAVE BISCUIT, WILL TRAVEL! GOT CHICKEN, WILL FRY!

And that pretty much sums up your cooking style.
Somewhat. I am a Southern American chef who has cooked all over the world, and through all those experiences, I have adapted different styles of cooking and flavors. ... I'm known for bringing the human element into food. Being a chef is not about ego, it's about comfort and love.

Some know you best as Oprah Winfrey's personal chef. Did she offer you any words of encouragement?
Ms. Winfrey has told me over and over that fried chicken is my secret weapon. She's told me, "Wherever you go, always bring it with you, because nobody can beat you!"

Rick Bayless

Frontera Grill/Topolobampo, 445 N. Clark St. 312-661-1434
Charity: Frontera Farmer Foundation, supporting small, sustainable farming throughout the Chicago area

Which "Top Chef" format gets your blood pumping more: the quickfire challenge or the more involved elimination challenge?
I am not a "quickfire" kind of guy. I like to think through my dish and take my time. I definitely will enjoy the elimination challenges more.

If you could pick one group to cook for in a final challenge, who would it be: a pack of hungry kids, diners at a five-star restaurant or a couple of longtime restaurant critics?
I would choose patrons at a five-star restaurant. The idea of "Top Chef Masters" is to really show 'em what you've got. ... To do that for Topolobampo kind of food, you need to serve folks who are open to a fine dining experience. My food is fine dining, but approachable.

If you had to compete in a non-culinary reality competition, what activity would you choose?
I am a pretty physical guy, so I would probably go with yoga or weightlifting.

Graham Elliot Bowles

Graham Elliot, 217 W. Huron St. 312-624-9975
Charity: American Heart Association

What's your secret weapon in a cooking competition?
Lack of patience, combined with sense of humor.

Quickfire or elimination?
I prefer the quickfire challenges, as I pride myself on being able to throw a bunch of crap together and then call it cuisine.

If you had to go head-to-head with chefs in a non-culinary competition, what would you choose?
Definitely a cage match/battle royale-style wrestling competition.

Kitchen nicknames have become a "Top Chef" tradition. If you could give yourself one based on your cooking style and personality, what would it be?
Chef Boy-Am-I-Effing-Awesome.

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best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
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Grant Park Music Festival

FREE

Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. 312-742-7638.
Pack a picnic and settle onto the Great Lawn for an evening of music by the Grant Park Orchestra at the 75th annual classical music series kickoff at Pritzker Pavilion. BYOB. 6:30 p.m.

Taste of Chicago preview

Daley Plaza, 50 W. Washington St. 312-744-3315.
Get a mini-taste of this year's fest (June 26-July 5) with vendors from veggie eatery Arya Bhavan and Puerto Rican spot Sabor Latino, among others. Includes live music from The Eli Story. Cash only. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pinot in the Park

Park Grill, 11 N. Michigan Ave. 312-521-7275.
Sip wine under the shadow of the Bean at this casual, tented tasting led by sommelier Arif Rahman. Includes appetizers. 5:30 p.m. $30-$35.

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SummerDance Festival

Grant Park, 601 S. Michigan Ave. 312-742-4007.
The popular series gets off to a sizzling start with an hour of flamenco rumba instruction from Ensemble Espanol (6 p.m.) and live music by Bandoleros (7:30 p.m.). Through Aug. 23.

Death Roast

The Annoyance Theatre, 4830 N. Broadway. 773-561-4665.
The phrase "die laughing" takes on new meaning in this comedy about a serial killer's last request to laugh it up before his guards, um, flip the switch. 9 p.m. Through July 23. $10.

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Movies in the Parks

FREE

Various locations.
The series launches with three flicks: "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" (Dunham Park, 4638 N. Melvina Ave.), "True Grit" (Independence Park, 3945 N. Springfield Ave.) and "Iron Man" (Pulaski Park, 1419 W. Blackhawk St.). 312-742-7529.

Dining deals and events through Sunday

312 CHICAGO
Wed.-Sun.: $10 bar menu (after 1 p.m.); 136 N. La Salle St. 312-696-2420.

ADOBO GRILL WICKER PARK
4:30-6 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: $1 tacos, $2-$3 assorted appetizers; 2005 W. Division St. 773-252-9990.

BEN PAO
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: $10.95 entree with soup, vegetable fried rice and spring roll; 52 W. Illinois St. 312-222-1888.

BISTRO 110
5 p.m. Wed.-Sun.: $5 select pizzas; 110 E. Pearson St. 312-266-3110.

BROADWAY CELLARS
9 p.m. Wed.: "Top Chef Masters" viewing party. Watch local cheftestants Graham Elliot Bowles (Graham Elliot), Rick Bayless (Frontera Grill) and Art Smith (Table Fifty-Two) compete on Bravo's newest, celeb-studded iteration of the popular cooking competition. Drink specials include $5 martinis, Manhattans and mojitos. Also: Enter a drawing for the chance to get your bar tab cleared; 5900 N. Broadway. 773-944-1208.

CHINA GRILL
Wed.-Sun.: Complimentary appetizers (5:30-7:30 p.m.), $7 specialty cocktails; 230 N. Michigan Ave. 312-334-6700.

CUATRO
5-7 p.m. Wed.-Thu.: $20 three-course vegetarian dinner, $30 three-course dinner; 5-7 p.m. Fri.: Half-price appetizers; 2030 S. Wabash Ave. 312-842-8856.

DELEECE GRILL PUB
Wed.: Whiskey Wednesday. $4 Maker's Mark shots, half-price whiskey flights, $5 pulled pork sandwiches with fries; Thu., Sun.: $20 three-course menu; 3313 N. Clark St. 773-348-3313.

ERWIN
Wed.-Sun.: $18 three-course dinner. Entrees change daily and may include meatloaf, fried chicken or Memphis-style barbecue spare ribs; Thu.: Half-price glasses of wine; 2925 N. Halsted St. 773-528-7200.

THE GROCERY BISTRO
5-7 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: $25 three-course menu; 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: $15 three-course lunch; 804 W. Washington St. 312-850-9291.

LA TACHE
Wed.: Half-price martinis; Thu.: $10 burger with a beer; Fri.: $16.95 all-you-can-eat fish fry with frites; 1475 W. Balmoral Ave. 773-334-7168.

MAY STREET MARKET
Wed.: 40 percent off bottles of wine; Wed.-Sat.: $32 three-course dinner; Wed.: 25 percent off bill; 1132 W. Grand Ave. 312-421-5547.

PARK GRILL
5:30 p.m. Wed.: Pinot in the Park. Master sommelier Arif Rahman leads a tasting of pinot noirs from around the world. Includes appetizer pairings. $35; 11 N. Michigan Ave. Millennium Park. 312-521-7275.

TIZI MELLOUL
Wed.: Half-price bottles of wine with purchase of two entrees, $3-$6 tapas menu in the bar and lounge; Wed.-Sun.: $35 five-course dinner; Sun.: $25 wine and appetizers with bellydance show at 7 and 8 p.m.; 531 N. Wells St. 312-670-4338.

VIA VENTUNO
6 p.m. Sat.: Historical Cocktail Party. Author Richard Lindberg shares stories about the "Untouchables" raid on an illegal brewery run by Al Capone, now Via Ventuno. Includes appetizers and $5 Elliot Ness Amber Lager, plus a tour of the restaurant (including the legendary escape tunnel). No cover. RSVP recommended; 2110 S. Wabash Ave. 312-328-1198.

Pick your poison

BEER AT THE JAMES HOTEL
Get acquainted with Fort Collins, Colo., brewery New Belgium over dinner (and drinks, of course) at this four-course affair featuring food from David Burke's Primehouse. Kick off the night with a reception featuring shrimp, foie gras and lobster spring rolls paired with Mothership Wit, then sit down to a meal that includes pairings such as pistachio-crusted smoked lamb loin and Fat Tire and dry-aged sirloin and 1554 black ale. $75, includes tax and tip. RSVP required. 6 p.m. Wednesday. 55 E. Ontario St. 312-660-6000.

MARTINIS AT CHEN'S
Wrigleyville favorite Chen's reveals the recipes behind their libations at this class, where you'll learn to make a lychee martini, a key lime martini and more. Includes samples, appetizers and a $20 gift certificate to the restaurant. $10. Reservations required. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. 3506 N. Clark St. 773-549-9100.

TEQUILA AT NACIONAL 27
Get to know tequila beyond the old lick-slam-suck encounter with a proper tasting of five tequilas from award-winning artisan producer Don Fulano. Taste tequilas paired with bites such as lamb taquitos with agave barbecue sauce and bamboo chicken skewers with mango tequila salsa, plus sample a five-citrus cazuela made with Don Fulano blanco suave. $27. Tickets: **n27chicago.com**. 6 p.m. Thursday. 325 W. Huron St. 312-664-2727.

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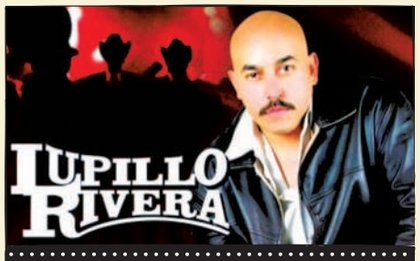

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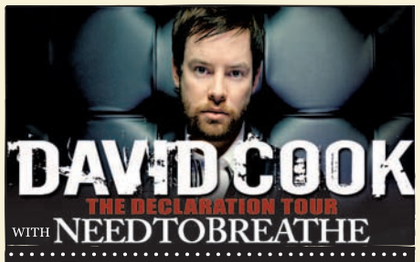

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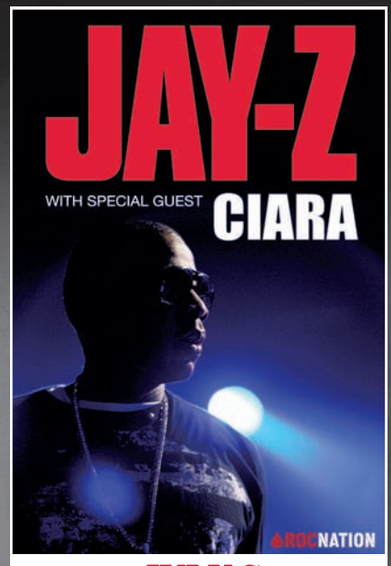

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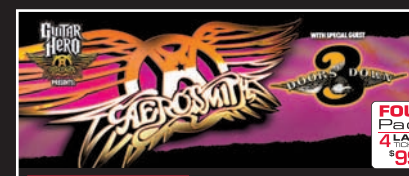

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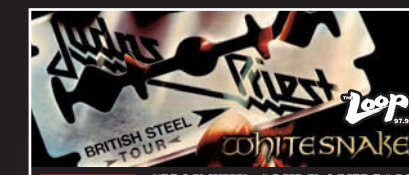

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Random Acts of Greatness

5 things we're loving this week

1 The **$5 combo plate** of ridiculously good bacon toffee and spiced nuts, both made in-house at **Rootstock Wine & Beer Bar** (954 N. California Ave.) in Humboldt Park.

2 **Tortilla Espanola** ($7) at Cuban spot **Cafe Bolero** (2252 N. Western Ave.). Bigger and better than most options, this tapa is totally suitable as an entree.

3 The recently reopened **back patio** at **Kuma's Corner** (2900 W. Belmont Ave.) is great for three reasons. The raucous heavy metal soundtrack is slightly less loud. It gives the restaurant more seating, cutting down (ever so slightly) on the astronomical wait times. And finally, it's outside. Viva summer in Chicago!

Kuma's Corner
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4 The **new class space** in the recently redone patio at the Lincoln Square location of the **Chopping Block** (4747 N. Lincoln Ave.). Freshly appointed with built-in hybrid grills, an outdoor pizza oven and enough shiny stainless steel to blind you on a sunny day, it's the perfect excuse to sign up for one of the summer grilling courses.

5 **Pastoral** (53 E. Lake St.) revamped its sandwich lineup a few weeks back. While we haven't yet made our way through all the new selections, the **Smokey Finnochi** (hand-made finnochiona salami, smoked mozzarella, red wine vinaigrette, pesto and field greens) has quickly become a favorite ($9.98).

Join the randomness!

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Wednesday deals

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Buy one entree, get one free 5-10 p.m.; 4500 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-907-2226.

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Half-price martinis; 1324 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-292-0585.

BUTTERFLY SOCIAL CLUB
$3 PBR can-and-shot deal, $4 select organic beers, $5 organic Italian sodas, DJs spin 6 p.m. No cover; 722 W. Grand Ave. 312-666-1695.

CAGNEY'S
Free salsa and Latin dance lessons 8 p.m., $4 mojitos and domestic drafts; 2142 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-857-1111.

CANS
8 p.m.: Dirty Bingo. The popular board game gets a raunchy reworking at this monthly bash. The $10 cover buys players 10 bingo boards and one drink (each additional board costs $1; every $10 board comes with a drink). Includes prizes. $10; 1640 N. Damen Ave. 773-227-2277.

CARNIVALE
6:30 p.m.: Mojitos 101 class. Mixologist Victor Beheza leads a hands-on class highlighting two Cuban cocktail recipes. Includes drink samples and appetizers. $25; 702 W. Fulton St. 312-850-5005.

THE COACH HOUSE
Free pizza (7 p.m.), Twisted Trivia 8 p.m. No cover; 950 W. Wolfram St. 773-665-5660.

DUKE OF PERTH
$9.95 all-you-can-eat fish and chips; 2913 N. Clark St. 773-477-1741.

EVIL OLIVE
I Love House Music Wednesdays. $2 High Life cans, $5 Stoli cocktails, DJs spin 10 p.m. $5; 1551 W. Division St. 773-235-9100.

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$2 mystery beers, stand-up comedy 9 p.m.; 3220 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-6088.

THE GLOBE PUB
$4 Shiner 100 drafts, $7 chicken curry, acoustic open mic 9 p.m.; 1934 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-871-3757.

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$3 Captain Morgan cocktails, $3 Heineken, Heineken Light and Amstel Light bottles, $5 select glasses of wine, half-price bottles of wine, $4 Captain Morgan 100 cocktails; 1736 S. Michigan Ave. 312-235-1400.

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Wino Wednesdays. Complimentary flatbread pizzas with bottle purchase (7-8 p.m.), $5 Svedka cocktails, $8 Svedka martinis, half-price bottles of wine; 1633 N. Halsted St. 312-587-1600.

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NIGHTCRAWLERS *Shots of who we've seen on the scene*

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So close, yet so far

Locals banded together to try to break a Guinness World Record at **the Biggest Bar Crawl**, held June 6 at more than a dozen bars in Lincoln Park, but things didn't go as planned. Though an estimated 2,000 people purchased wristbands, only about 800 turned in punchcards proving they visited eight bars on the crawl, organizer Freddie Coles says. Though they didn't beat the record of 3,164 participants set at a New York crawl, our cameras snapped lots of revelers at Mad River, Halligan Bar and O'Malley's.

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LIZZIE MCNEILL'S
15 percent off total bill with AMC ticket stub, $4 Budweiser American Ale, Killian's and Bud Light drafts; 400 N. McClurg Ct. 312-467-1992.

LUCKY'S SANDWICH COMPANY
$3 Guinness and Smithwick's drafts; 3472 N. Clark St. 773-549-0665.

MCFADDEN'S
$1 cans, $2 well drinks, $3 bombs, 25 cent wings, $7 Reuben sandwich with fries; 1206 N. State Pkwy. 312-475-9450.

THE MOTEL BAR
$4 Amstel Light and Heineken bottles, $5 Absolut cocktails, $6 half-pound burgers with fries. No cover; 600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-822-2900.

MYSTIC CELT
35 cent wings, $3.50 Peroni drafts, $6 wraps, $14 Miller Lite buckets; 3443 N. Southport Ave. 773-529-8550.

PLAN B
$1 Bud Light drafts, $2 well drinks, $3 bombs, half-price appetizers; 1635 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-2680.

RAVEN'S
$3.50 beer-of-the-month drafts, free popcorn; 2326 N. Clark St. 773-348-1774.

REGGIE'S MUSIC JOINT
Half-price appetizers, $3 Stoli and Absolut cocktails, $3 Stella and Hoegaarden drafts, $4 American Honey lemonades, $5 Long Island iced teas and margaritas; 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

ROCKIT BAR & GRILL
5:30 p.m.: 4 the Love of Art. The fourth annual benefit features works from local and national artists and includes cocktails, appetizers and desserts. $40-$50; 22 W. Hubbard St. 312-660-3030.

ROCKS LINCOLN PARK
$5 select whiskeys and bottled beers, $5 burgers; 1301 W. Schubert Ave. 773-472-7738.

SONOTHEQUE
$5 Goose Island bottles with Jager shots; 1444 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-7600.

SOPO
$2 glasses of sangria, $3 MGD64 bottles, $5 salads; 3418 N. Southport Ave. 773-348-0100.

STREET SIDE CAFE
$3.50 Great Lakes Dortmunder Gold drafts; 3201 W. Armitage Ave. 773-252-9700.

THEORY
Half-price salads, $10 pitchers of sangria; 9 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-0004.

UNCOMMON GROUND ON CLARK
$5 whiskey cocktails; 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

THE UNDERGROUND WONDER BAR
$3 Old Style bottles, $5 martinis; 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

UNION PARK
$1 domestic drafts; 228 S. Racine Ave. 312-243-9002.

WABASH TAP
$15 domestic buckets; 1233 S. Wabash Ave. 312-360-9488.

WILD PUG
9 p.m.: Live Game Show. A night of comedy, improv and audience interaction features actors in a satire of '70s and '80s game shows. $5; 4810 N. Broadway. 773-784-4811.

ZELLA
7 p.m.: Wednesday Night Shopping Spree. Browse jewelry by Betsy's Baubles and other local retailers and artisans. Drink specials include $3.50 Jack Daniels and Three Olives vodka cocktails. No cover; 1983 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-549-2910.

CORRECTION
In Tuesday's "Prime Pickings" story, we listed the incorrect location of the Chicago Outdoor Film Festival. It takes place in Grant Park.

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TOP 5 PICKS FOR THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

1 Kanye West
8:30 p.m. Thu. at Chicago Theatre
Chicago rapper plays first local show in a while.

2 26th Annual Chicago Blues Festival
11 a.m. Fri.-Sun. at Grant Park
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3 Passion Pit
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4 Q-Tip
9 p.m. Fri. at House of Blues
A rapper whose influence has been only positive.

5 Phoenix
8 p.m. Sat. at Park West
French pop band is pretty hot right now.

5 quality new albums

Break out the iTunes gift card for these sweet, just-released records

By Matt Pais

Sometimes the record release gods play practical jokes, like Mandy Moore and Marilyn Manson putting out new albums on the same day. Other times, we're just treated to a host of impressive new discs at the same time. Tuesday's crop was, clearly, an example of the latter. Want proof?

Busdriver

"Jhelli Beam"
(Anti Records)

Underground rapper Busdriver's frequently abrasive, ear-flicking boldness isn't for everyone. (An example of his sense of humor: "I used to think 'Norwegian Wood' was a Scandinavian adult bookstore.") Like a kid zig-zagging over rocks scattered in a pond, the rapper (real name: Regan Farquhar) leaps across topics with such rapid fury it's as if he doesn't want to leave anything out. On "Jhelli Beam," Busdriver's crazy, quick verses sprint from inside-out humor to social criticism alongside challenging beats that reward repeated listens. Lead single "Me Time (with the Pulmonary Palimpsest)" skips along Mozart's Sonata in A Major with a flow that works so well you'll be dying to play it for classical fans who hate rap. Exciting, odd stuff.

Mos Def

"The Ecstatic"
(Downtown Records)

In the years since 1999's extraordinary "Black on Both Sides," Mos Def ("Next Day Air") has given people little reason to follow his music career, releasing a disappointing follow-up (2004's "The New Danger") and a lazy, impersonal third disc (2006's "True Magic") blatantly created just to satisfy a Geffen contractual obligation. Rest easy: Mos' diverse fourth disc combines the rapper's previous ambition with a recaptured sense that he actually, you know, cares what his albums sound like. He flexes his MC skills like he hasn't in years, from the Middle Eastern-flavored opener "Supermagic" to the old-school closer "Casa Bey," while showcasing his just-OK singing voice periodically ("No Hay Nada Mas") and getting a solid assist from his Black Star colleague Talib Kweli on "History." "Ecstatic" isn't as tight as "Black," but it's still the timely, intelligent, head-nodding disc Mos Def fans have been anticipating for a decade.

Mos Def
AP FILE

Dirty Projectors

"Bitte Orca"
(Domino Records)

Here's our attempt to summarize this Brooklyn collective's sonic landscape on "Bitte Orca": Ted Leo returning from Africa to indulge his inner Jeff Buckley and reinvent Led Zeppelin and TV on the Radio, with some help from Joanna Newsom. ... OK, maybe it's better to forget comparisons and just ride David Longstreth and Co.'s many unpredictable rises and falls, from the male-female harmonizing on top of jagged guitar bursts on "Temecula Sunrise" to the ensuing falsetto flutters on "The Bride," which jumps across at least three Zeppelin records in under three minutes. Vocalist Amber Coffman nails the sexy funk of "Stillness is the Move," which is like the soundtrack you'll want to take you from the bar to the bedroom. ***See them: June 22 at Millennium Park***

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Dark 'Fantasies'

Metric's Emily Haines on refusing to become a 'ravenous consumption drone'

Emily Haines and Metric

Metric
When: 7:30 p.m. Sunday
Where: Metro, 3730 N. Clark St.
Tickets: $20, 773-549-0203

By Scott Thill

Intelligent dance music is a rare thing. But Canada's Metric does it consistently.

Fronted by poetic siren and keyboardist Emily Haines and buttressed by a smoking rhythm section comprising guitarist Jimmy Shaw, bassist Josh Winstead and drummer Joules Scott-Key, the Toronto-based standout released early body-rocking, brain-teasing efforts like "Grow Up and Blow Away" and "Old World Underground, Where Are You Now" before turning loose 2005's raucous "Live it Out." We caught up with Haines to chat about the band's latest, most accessible effort, "Fantasies."

This album rocks less than "Live it Out," but it's dreamy music with a fair amount of nightmare.

For me, the word "fantasy" is inherently sinister. It is a blissful dreaming of magical worlds, but it's also [bleeping] terrifying reality. You know you are not going to get a Metric record without a dark undertone.

There's plenty of sexual darkness in songs like "Gold Guns Girls" and "Stadium Love."

It's scary the lengths that we have to go today to literally get off, to be stimulated, to be affected or turned on. There are sexual references in those songs, but I hope they are obvious on a larger scale. It is a sad state to find yourself in when you become immune to simple pleasures, when you're a ravenous consumption drone, whether of sex, culture or the illegal acquisition of foreign countries. The idea of being creatively insatiable in your work is a good one.

You took a long sabbatical between "Live it Out" and this album.

I needed to make a move because I had painted myself into a corner. So I chose a place, Buenos Aires, that sounded cool, where no one knew me or the band or cared who we were. I didn't know Spanish or anything. I decided to go there by looking up rooms with pianos for rent on Google. Up to the last day, it was going to be Buenos Aires, Northern California or London, but I found an apartment with a Steinway in Buenos Aires, which was the most beautiful place I've ever [bleeping] seen. So I went into hiding.

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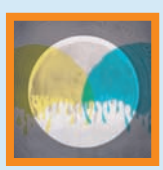
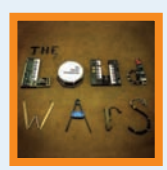


Post Honeymoon

Self-titled
(Two Thumbs Down)

Moody, fiery and without a hint that its members are married, Logan Square-based duo Post Honeymoon turns throbbing rock into a pulsing, defiant wail. Singer Rachel Shindelman has been compared to Siouxsie Sioux, but the band sometimes also sounds like Sleater-Kinney had a really bad day. The moody drone can grow a bit familiar, but the angry rumble of songs like "Night Guard" resonates more than it bores. Still, if Shindelman hadn't told us that these songs indicate nothing about her marriage to drummer Nick Kraska, we'd be worried. ***See them: June 19 at Hideout***



So Many Dynamos

"The Loud Wars"
(Vagrant Records)

Some rock bands come off sounding like its members and their instruments are walking in a straight line. Not Edwardsville, Ill., quartet So Many Dynamos, who sound like they're chasing their gear in a circle, scampering around straightforward delivery as if normalcy is poisonous. Like the spawn of Minus the Bear and the Dynamos' Vagrant labelmates drmanhattan, So Many Dynamos twist jittery rhythms, punchy percussion and electronic blips into a hyperactive blaze. They're cooled off by Aaron Stovall's vocals, which make being semi-nasal seem like a sign of a frantic troublemaker willing to calm down, but only for a little while. ***See them: Aug. 2 at Beat Kitchen***

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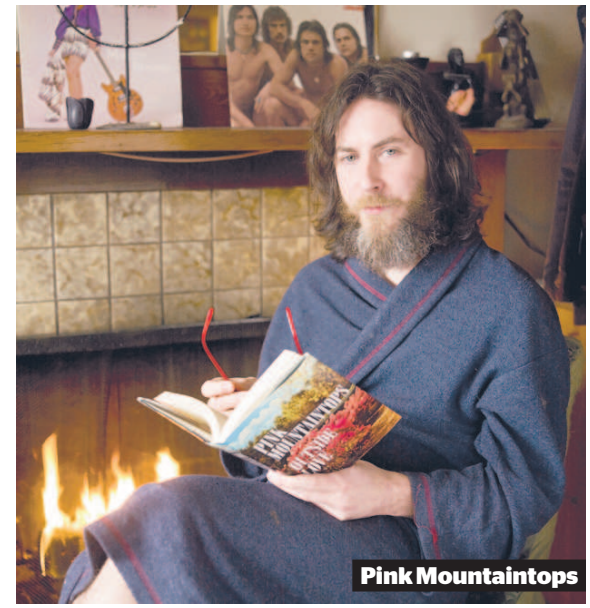
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Chickenfoot

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On sale 10 a.m. Wednesday

Chris Cotton 4, T Model Ford, Gravelroad, Saturday, July 18 ($12, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Alma Sub Rosa, Eyeball Descending, Evan Holmes, Tuesday, June 30 ($7, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Telepath, Steepwater Band, Lonely H, Thursday, July 30 ($8, 21+) at Martyrs'.

On sale 9 a.m. Friday

The Fiery Furnaces, Friday, July 10 ($15, 21+) at SideBar (at FitzGerald's).

On sale 10 a.m. Friday

The Script, Parachute, Sunday, Aug. 9 ($12-$15, all ages) at Park West.

On sale noon Friday

Bryan Greenberg, Thursday, July 16 ($10, all ages) at Schubas.

Harvey Danger, Saturday, Aug. 15 ($14, 18+) at Schubas.

On sale 10 a.m. Saturday

Chickenfoot, Davy Knowles and Back Door Slam, Friday, Aug. 7 ($40-$60, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

David Cook, Sunday, July 12 ($33, all ages) at House of Blues.

De La Soul, Wednesday, Aug. 26 ($26-$28, 17+) at House of Blues.

Dragonforce, Sonata Arctica, Wednesday, Sept. 30 ($25-$27, all ages) at House of Blues.

Journey, Heart, Tuesday, Aug. 18 ($42.50-$62.50, all ages) at Rockford MetroCentre.

Kindred, Thursday, July 9 ($24-$26, 17+) at House of Blues.

Mint Condition, Thursday, July 30 ($30.50-$33, 17+) at House of Blues.

Pet Shop Boys, Monday, Sept. 14 ($49.50-$102.50, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

The Pretenders, Cat Power, Juliette Lewis, Tuesday, Aug. 18 ($45, 18+) at Aragon.

Reel Big Fish, The English Beat, The Supervillains, Friday, Aug. 14 ($27.50-$30, all ages) at House of Blues.

Sick Puppies, Hurt, The Veer Union, Thursday, July 23 ($14-$16, all ages) at House of Blues.

Trash Can Sinatras, Sunday, Aug. 9 ($18, 21+) at Schubas.

Pete Yorn, Monday, Aug. 3, Tuesday, Aug. 4 ($29, 18+) at Park West.

On sale noon Saturday

Bob Mould Band, Monday, Oct. 12 ($20, 18+) at Metro.

Emergenza National Finals, Sunday, June 21 ($20-$25, 18+) at Metro.

Mark Farina, Pezzner, Frank Solano, Friday, Aug. 7 ($15-$20, 21+) at Smart Bar.

The Horrors, Sunday, Oct. 11 ($15, 21+) at Double Door.

Sukh Knight, Jeekoos, Brandon S, Tranzformer, Thursday, July 16 ($5-$8, 21+) at Smart Bar.

Makeshift Prodigy, Moxxy, Heavy the Fall, Lucid Ground, A Friend Called Fire, Friday, July 17 ($10, all ages) at Metro.

Owl City, Kate Havnevik, Unicorn Kid, Friday, Sept. 25 ($14-$16, all ages) at Metro.

Pet Lions, Mark Mallman, Color Radio, Friday, June 26 ($8, 18+) at Metro.

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- **Up** (PG) 11:00,12:00,1:30,2:40,4:00,5:10,6:45,7:45,9:30,10:30
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG–13) 12:45,3:10,5:40,8:15,10:50
- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) 11:10,1:20,3:30,6:15,8:30,11:00
- **Terminator Sal** (PG–13) 11:20,2:00,4:40,7:20,10:10
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 12:30,3:45,7:00,10:15
- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 1:00,4:15,7:10,10:00

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- **Sleep Dealer** (PG–13) 2:00,4:30,7:10,9:45
- **Summer Hours** (NR) 1:40,4:15,7:25,10:05
- **Brothers Bloom** (PG–13) 1:35,4:20,7:00,10:10
- **Girlfriend Exp** (R) 1:30,4:10,6:15,8:15,10:20
- **Rudo y Cursi** (R) 1:50,4:45,7:30,10:15
- **Easy Virtue** (PG–13) 1:45,4:00,7:15,9:40
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- **Land of Lost** (PG–13) ★ 1:30,2:20,4:15,5:00,7:00,7:50,9:40,10:40 ;
- **Land of Lost** (PG–13) ★ (Closed caption) 12:20,3:30,6:30,9:10
- **The Hangover** (R) ★ 12:10,12:40,2:40,3:10,5:10,5:40,7:40,8:20,10:10,11:00
- **Up - Disney 3D** (PG) ★ 1:00,2:00,3:40,4:40,6:20,7:20,8:50,9:50
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG–13) ★ 1:40,4:00,6:40,9:20
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- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) 12:45,3:20,6:10,8:30,10:45
- **Smithsonian** (PG) 1:20,4:30,7:30,10:20
- **Terminator Sal** (PG–13) 2:10,5:20,8:10,10:50
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- **The Hangover** (R) ★ 5:30,7:40,9:50
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- **Up** (PG) 12:30,2:00,3:10,4:40,5:40,7:15,8:10,9:45
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG–13) 12:15,1:40,2:40,4:10,5:00,6:30,7:30,9:00,10:00
- **Smithsonian** (PG) 12:15,2:45,5:05,7:30,9:55
- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) 1:10,3:20,5:30,7:50,9:55
- **Terminator Sal** (PG–13) 1:45,4:30,7:10,9:50
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 12:25,3:25,6:25,9:25
- AMC Select **Rudo y Cursi** (R) 1:00,3:30,6:10,8:45
- **X-Men Origins** (PG–13) 1:30,4:25,7:05,9:35

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- **Objectified** (NR) 6:00,7:30,9:00
- **The Art of Pain** (NR) 8:15

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628
- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) 2:00,3:35,5:15,6:50,8:30
- **Obsessed** (PG–13) 2:00,4:00,6:05,8:10
- **Earth** (G) 4:10,8:20
- **The Soloist** (PG–13) 2:10,4:20,6:30,8:40
- **Monsters vs.** (PG) 2:05,6:10

MUSIC BOX
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- **Every Little** (PG–13) 5:20,9:30
- **O'Horten** (PG–13) 5:45,7:45,9:45
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- AMC Select **Management** (R) 3:00,5:15,7:30
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- AMC Select **Tyson** (R) 3:15,5:30,7:50
- **Obsessed** (PG–13) 4:55,7:25

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- **Land of Lost** (PG–13) 1:10,2:10,3:10,4:05,5:05,6:05,7:05,8:05,9:00,10:00
- AMC Select **My Life-Ruins** (PG–13) 1:20,4:10,7:00,9:50
- **The Hangover** (R) 1:50,2:50,3:40,4:40,5:40,6:30,7:30,8:30,9:20,10:20
- AMC Select **Brothers Bloom** (PG–13) 1:25,4:25,7:25,10:25
- **Up** (PG) 1:00,2:25,3:10,3:50,6:00,6:40,8:50,9:30
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG–13) 1:05,2:05,3:45,4:45,6:25,7:25,9:15,10:15
- **Up - Disney 3D** (PG) ◆ 1:40,4:30,7:20,10:10
- **Smithsonian** (PG) 3:20,5:50,8:25
- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) 1:30,3:55,8:35,10:45
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- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 3:30,5:00,6:45,9:55
- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 1:45,4:50,8:00
- **Ghosts-Girlfrnd** (PG–13) 6:10 P.M.
- **X-Men Origins** (PG–13) 1:15,4:00,6:50,9:40

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- **Land of Lost** (PG–13) ★ 12:40,1:30,2:20,3:20,4:15,5:15,6:10,7:00,8:00,9:10,9:40,10:30
- **My Life-Ruins** (PG–13) ★ 12:30,3:00,5:30,8:10,10:35

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CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)
- **The Hangover** (R) ★ 12:10,1:10,2:40,4:00,4:40,5:10,6:30,7:10,7:40,9:00,9:30,10:10
- **Up - Disney 3D** (PG) ★ 1:00,2:30,3:40,5:00,6:20,7:45,8:50,10:15
- **Brothers Bloom** (PG–13) ★ 12:30,3:10,6:15,9:15
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- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 1:40,4:45,8:20
- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 12:20,3:50,6:45,9:55
- **X-Men Origins** (PG–13) 1:50 P.M.

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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- **My Life-Ruins** (PG–13) ★ 2:30,5:15,7:45,10:15
- **The Hangover** (R) ★ 12:10,1:30,2:10,2:40,4:00,4:40,5:10,6:30,7:10,7:40,9:10,9:40,10:10
- **Up - Disney 3D** (PG) ★ 12:50,3:40,6:20,8:50
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG–13) ★ 2:20,5:00,7:50,10:20
- **Up** (PG) ★ 2:00,4:50,7:20,9:45
- **Smithsonian** (PG) 1:15,4:20,6:50,9:30
- **Terminator Sal** (PG–13) 1:40,4:30,7:30,10:30
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 3:20,6:40,9:50
- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 1:00,4:10,7:00,10:00

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- **The Hangover** (R) ★ 12:10,1:40,2:40,4:10,5:10,6:40,7:40,9:30,10:10
- **Up - Disney 3D** (PG) ★ 1:00,3:40,6:20,8:50
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG–13) ★ 2:30,5:20,7:50,10:30
- **Up** (PG) ★ 2:10,4:50,7:10,9:45
- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) 2:00,4:20,6:45,9:15
- **Smithsonian** (PG) 1:10,3:50,6:30,9:10
- **Terminator Sal** (PG–13) 1:45,4:40,7:20,10:00
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 1:50,5:15,8:20
- **Next Day Air** (R) 1:20,4:00,6:50,9:20
- **Obsessed** (PG–13) 1:15,4:30,7:15,9:50

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- **The Hangover** (R) ★ 12:10,1:40,2:40,4:10,5:10,6:40,7:40,9:30,10:10
- **Up - Disney 3D** (PG) ★ 1:00,3:40,6:20,8:50
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG–13) ★ 1:20,2:30,4:00,5:20,6:50,7:50,9:20,10:30
- **Up** (PG) ★ 2:10,4:50,7:10,9:45
- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) 2:00,4:20,6:45,9:15
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- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 1:50,5:15,8:20
- **X-Men Origins** (PG–13) 1:15,4:30,7:15,9:50

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- **Up - Disney 3D** (PG) 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45,9:00
- **Smithsonian** (PG) 12:00,2:20,4:40,7:00,9:20
- **Terminator Sal** (PG–13) 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 12:50,3:45,6:40,9:35
- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 1:30,4:15,7:00,9:45

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- **My Life-Ruins** (PG–13) ★ 12:15,2:40,5:05,7:30,9:55
- **The Hangover** (R) ★ 11:50,12:40,1:30,2:20,3:10,3:55,4:50,5:40,6:30,7:20,8:10,9:00,9:50,10:40
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 12:55,4:00,7:05,10:10
- **Brothers Bloom** (PG–13) 11:35,2:15,5:00,7:40,10:30
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG–13) ★ 7:55,10:25
- **Easy Virtue** (PG–13) ★ 12:05,2:30,4:55,7:15,9:45
- **Smithsonian** (PG) 11:40,1:00,2:10,3:35,4:45,6:05,7:25,8:45,10:05
- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 1:05,4:05,7:10,10:15
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- **Up** (PG) ★ 1:15,3:45,6:15,8:45
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THE HOLD STEADY 8–9:30 PM
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LAUGHY KATHY

Associated Press

Kathy Griffin has won two Emmys for "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List," which began its fifth season on Bravo on Monday. Her 2008 comedy album, "For Your Consideration," was nominated for a Grammy. And on Wednesday, she's returning to "Late Show with David Letterman" for the first time since 1997.

But the 48-year-old who grew up in Oak Park insists she's on the outside looking in. Griffin talks about how she's still a wannabe celebrity, Hollywood headlines and her upcoming memoir.

It's hard to believe you're still on the D-list.

I have proof although I'm flattered at the suggestion that I could even be a C-minus. Recently, I was on tour and they delivered me a sandwich and it said Taffy Griffin. Now, I'd like to think that's maybe what they thought my stripper name was, but no. My name was on the marquee. Sold-out show. Taffy Griffin. I'm on the D-list where I belong.

You've joked about many celebrities. Who are you most afraid of running into?

Whitney Houston, because she'll just cut you. ... I'm afraid of many, many celebrities. Most of them really.

What do you think of Angelina Jolie edging out Oprah Winfrey to top Forbes' Celebrity 100 power list?

It's clearly something that Oprah just had Gayle (King, Winfrey's longtime friend) write because she must be having security issues or something. There's no one more powerful than Oprah, male or female, in any country. Or on any planet.

What do you think of Jon and Kate Gosselin (of the TLC show "Jon & Kate Plus 8")?

You have to admit, Jon doesn't seem to do much but whine. There's a lot of eye rolling and whining. I think the two of them have taken fame very well.

How about Speidi, also known as Heidi Montag Pratt and Spencer Pratt?

What is tough for me as a D-list celebrity is that kind of puts Speidi and me in the same category and that hurts. That's a bitter pill for me to swallow.

> "'Official Book Club Selection' is the title of my book because I'm trying to fool you into thinking it's part of the Oprah book club. It's not."

Do you think Kelly Killoren Bensimon got a bad rap on "The Real Housewives of New York City"?

Here's the thing. I'm on a reality show. You cannot pull that "I was edited to look bad" thing with me. It's on tape, Kelly. We saw it.

Your friend Joan Rivers recently won "The Celebrity Apprentice" and you made a cameo in the finale.

I just love her. She is fearless. To have a 75-year-old woman beat all those players. She says stuff that only a handful of people in the world can get away with.

When is your memoir coming out?

"Official Book Club Selection" is the title of my book because I'm trying to fool you into thinking it's part of the Oprah book club. It's not. Anyway, it comes out Sept. 29. And I believe it's going to be what you call a barn-burner. So we'll see who's talking to me after the book comes out. We'll see if you're even talking to me when the book comes out. Because some people, you know, they go down pretty hard. Including myself.

Kathy Griffin accepts an award at April's GLAAD Media Awards in L.A. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Value wines for summer sipping

Need to stock up on some wine for the summer? Here are my top 12 value wine picks for under $12. Whether you're throwing a huge backyard bash or enjoying an intimate lakeside picnic for two, these affordable summer sippers will offer you plenty of enjoyment without sacrificing your budget. Prices may vary by retailer.

Tormaresca Neprica Puglia, Italy $8—This Southern Italian blend of negroamaro, primitivo and cabernet sauvignon is a perfect match for zesty tomato sauces or pizza.

Maipe malbec, Argentina $8—Everything you want from a malbec, tons of dark fruit notes combined with a soft, easy-to-drink texture.

Cono Sur sauvignon blanc, Chile $8—This has a light-bodied and lemony style that can be enjoyed with or without food.

Feudo Arancio grillo, Sicily $9—Grillo is Sicily's answer to sauvignon blanc. Enjoy with summer salads and seafood.

Toso Brut sparkling wine, Argentina $9—Warm weather is reason enough to celebrate, so bring on the bubbly. This green-apple-flavored sparkler will do the trick.

J Lohr Bay Mist riesling, Monterey $10—Balances the perfect amount of sweetness with bright acidity—perfect for those who enjoy their wines on the sweeter side.

Domaine de Gournier Rose Costieres de Nimes, France $8—It wouldn't be summer without a refreshing glass of dry rose. This one lets you pretend you're in the South of France.

Silver Ridge pinot noir, California $9—Pinot noir is always good to have on hand, especially in your picnic basket. Pair this with salmon.

Bodegas Ateca garnacha Fuego, Spain $8—Enjoy the peppery and raspberry-jam-flavored notes of this Spanish garnacha with grilled steaks.

Chapoutier Belleruche Cotes du Rhone, France $11—Robust and versatile style will pair well with everything from grilled foods to sandwiches.

Wrongo Dongo, Spain $9—Aside from being fun to say, this black-fruit-flavored, monastrell-based wine from Southern Spain just begs to be paired with a juicy burger.

L'oca Ciuca The Drunken Goose, Italy $10—This juicy blend of sangiovese, merlot and syrah will add some pizazz to antipasti and charcuterie plates.

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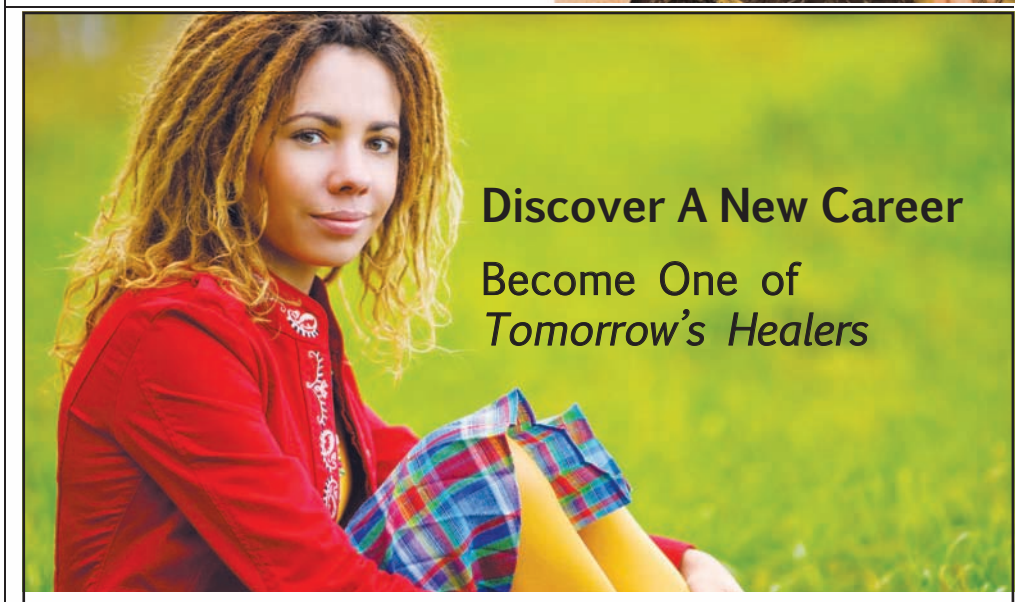

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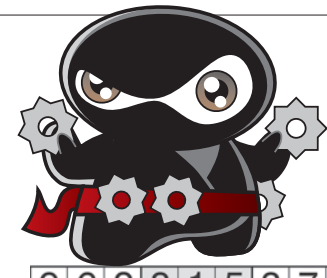

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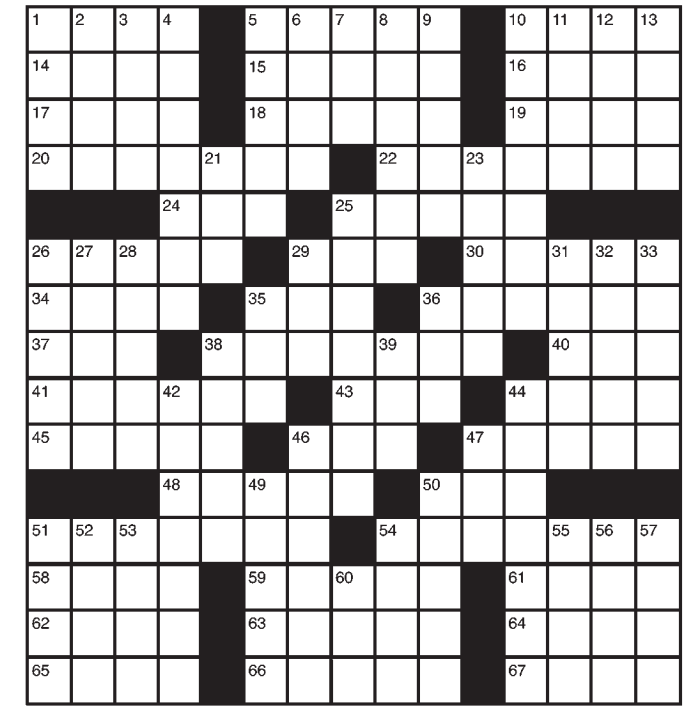

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Lambert lays it out

'Idol' finalist opens up about his personal life in much-hyped Rolling Stone interview

Associated Press

"American Idol" runner-up Adam Lambert has landed the cover of Rolling Stone magazine, where he talks about sex, drugs and his "Idol" experiences.

The 27-year-old singer from San Diego acknowledges in an interview that he's gay, and says it shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone.

"I'm proud of my sexuality," he says. "I embrace it. It's just another part of me."

Lambert says he was inspired to audition for the Fox network singing competition after having a "psychedelic experience" at the Burning Man festival in Nevada. There, he says, he experimented with "certain funguses."

"I knew that it was my only shot to be taken seriously in the recording industry, because it's fast and broad," he says of "Idol."

Lambert emerged as an early front-runner and judge favorite, thanks in part to his soaring vocal range.

When he moved into the show's Bel-Air mansion with the other finalists, he roomed with Kris Allen, who won the "Idol" title over Lambert last month.

"I was like, 'Oh, [bleep], they put me with the cute guy,' " Lambert says. "Distracting! He's the one guy that I found attractive in the whole group on the show: nice, nonchalant, pretty and totally my type—except that he has a wife. I mean, he's open-minded and liberal, but he's definitely 100 percent straight."

According to Rolling Stone, Lambert was open about his sexuality backstage at "Idol." In March, photos surfaced online of Lambert kissing his ex-boyfriend.

"Going into 'Idol,' I assumed, 'OK, people are going to talk,' " he says. "I mean, I've been living in Los Angeles for eight years as a gay man, I've been at clubs making out with somebody in the corner. But photographic evidence? Didn't count on that. Wasn't ready for that."

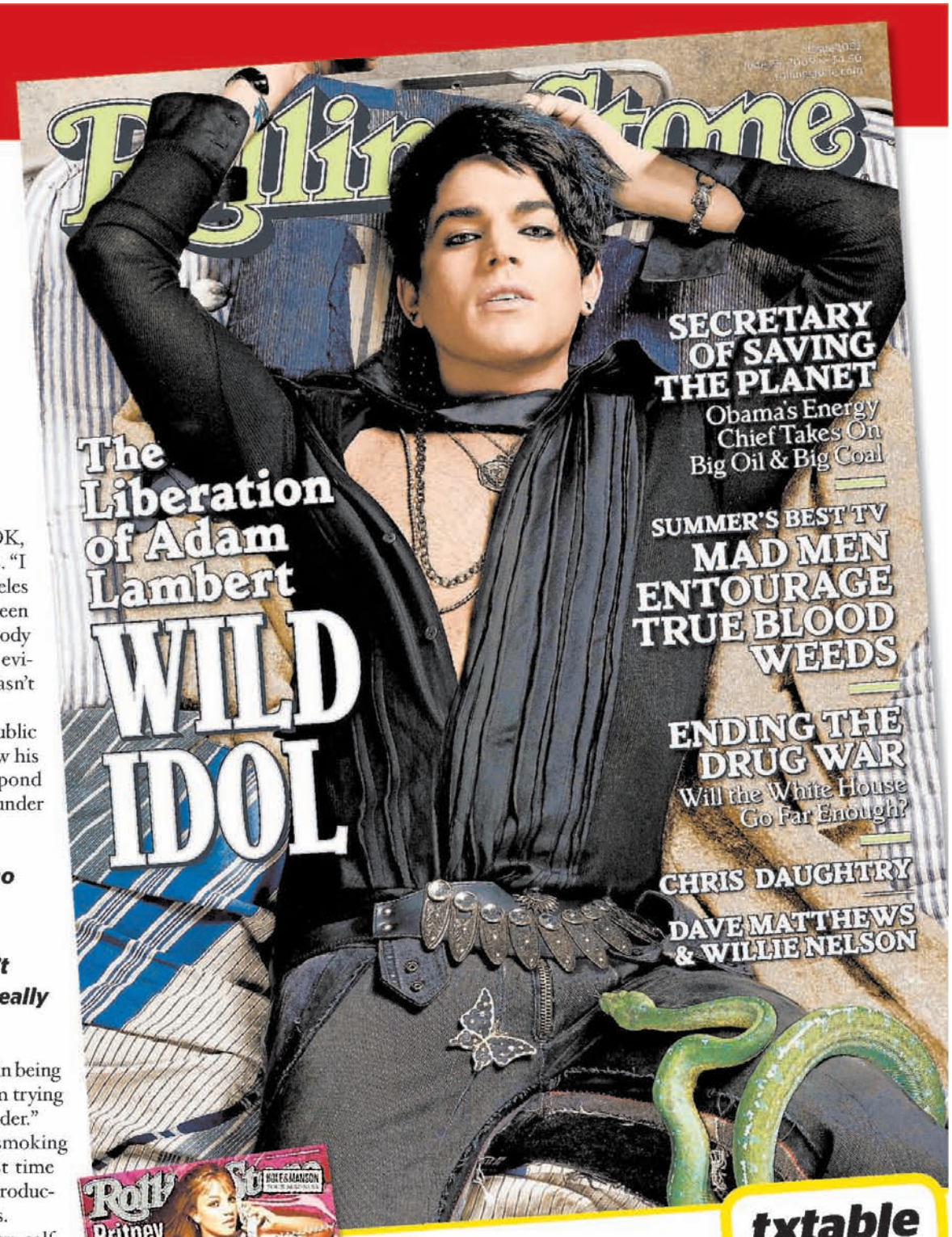
He says he worried that a public announcement would overshadow his singing, so he decided not to respond and largely kept his personal life under wraps on the show.

"I'm an entertainer, and who I am and what I do in my personal life is a separate thing," he says. "It shouldn't matter. Except it does. It's really confusing."

Lambert says he isn't interested in being the poster child for gay rights. "I'm trying to be a singer, not a civil-rights leader."

He also reveals that he began smoking pot and tried Ecstasy for the first time while performing in a European production of "Hair" in his early twenties.

"I've finally checked in to my self-worth for the first time in my life, and the fact that it has coincided with 'Idol' is so sweet," he says. "I mean, I still have moments where I think, 'Oh, my skin is terrible, and I'm a little fat, I should really go to the gym more.' But for the most part, when I look in the mirror now, I finally see someone who can do something cool."



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RedEye noticed something about Adam Lambert's Rolling Stone cover—and no, we're not talking about the snake on his pants! Doesn't his pose look similar to something you've seen before? Text "**cover**" and the number of your opinion to **87708**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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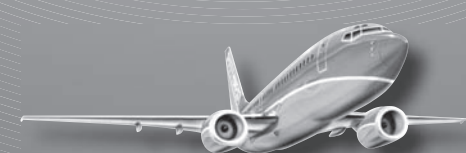

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FACE TIME

WITH BRADLEY COOPER

Bradley Cooper's recovering nicely from his "Hangover." The actor, who starred in the weekend's No. 1 movie, is in talks to step into the role of Lt. Templeton "Faceman" Peck for Fox's feature adaptation of the 1980s NBC series, "The A-Team," according to The Hollywood Reporter. Cooper also is set to reprise his role as hard-partying teacher Phil in a sequel to "The Hangover," whose development was ushered several months before the movie came out, the Reporter says.

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HOT DATE

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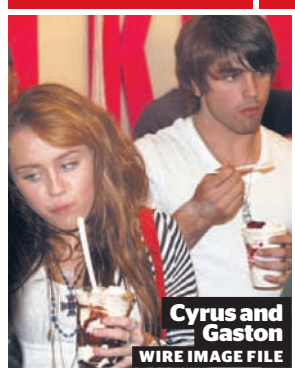

Cyrus and Gaston
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Cry them a river

First Miley Cyrus tweeted, "Tears are words the heart can't express." Then her boyfriend Justin Gaston tweeted about his tears too. Turns out they weren't just watching "Titanic": It's splitsville for Disney's teen queen and her 21-year-old beau, according to E! Online and **people.com**, which cited unnamed friends close to the (former) couple. If that's not enough heartbreak, **people.com** also reported that model Bar Refaeli and actor Leonardo DiCaprio are taking a break, again frustrating RedEye's efforts to make the "Baronardo" name stick.

Refaeli and DiCaprio
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Back in black

It only took 30 years, an indie documentary and an immeasurable amount of hair spray, but heavy metal band Anvil has finally made it big. According to **billboard.com**, the Canadian rockers will be opening for metal gods AC/DC at two arena shows this summer. The band's rockumentary, "Anvil: The Story Of Anvil," made its debut at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival and has been shown in 27 cities with plans to double that number over the summer.

Man of style

Want to dress like Kanye? Admit it: You do. Or at least the Chicago hip-hopper thinks so. Here are some of his must-have items, as revealed to **men.style.com**.

» **Calvin Klein boxer briefs:** "I like boxer briefs with suits because they don't bunch up."

» **Louis Vuitton Monogramoflage Keepall:** "A 5-year-old could see this bag and think it's cool."

» **Lanvin seersucker dinner jacket:** "It embodies everything I like to be and do in fashion, riding the line between luxury and casual. It speaks volumes."

Zack attack

Yes, that was Mark-Paul Gosselaar on Monday's "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon."

He just looked like Zack Morris from "Saved By the Bell." Gosselaar did the entire interview as his "Bell" character, complete with bleached blond hair, '90s clothes and a huge, old-school cell phone. He also backed Fallon's plans for a reunion of the show's cast. "For sure, I'd love to see the old gang again," he said.

Tiffani Thiessen and Dustin Diamond are the only cast members who haven't agreed to reunite.

For more, got to **tr.im/showpatrol**.

"I'm going to stop making fun of her. It's not her fault that she looks like that!"

— **Chelsea Handler**, to US Weekly about how she is going to take it easy on the Tori Spelling jokes.